

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-12 have been cancelled herein without prejudice as to their possible presentation in a related application.

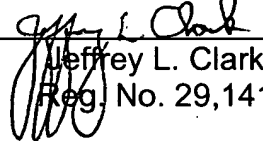
Accordingly, claims 3, 5, 6 and 13-33 are pending herein.

Claims 13-25 have been allowed. The remaining pending claims (nos. 3, 5, 6 and 26-33 all either originally depended from, or have been amended to depend from (directly or indirectly), allowed claim 13. Allowed claim 13 is, of course, clearly generic to all of the claims depending therefrom.

In view of the above, claims 3, 5, 6 and 13-33 are in allowable condition. Early notification of that effect is respectfully requested.

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